

Core Lesson 5

VOCABULARY

colony
mission
convert
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Vocabulary Strategy

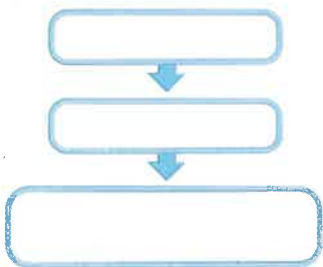
convert

The verb **convert** comes from a word meaning "to turn around." Someone who converts turns around, or changes, to a new religion.



READING SKILL

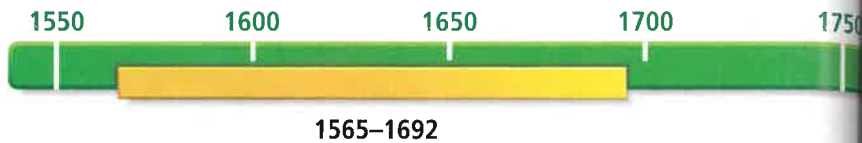
Draw Conclusions Note details that will help you draw a conclusion about life in New Spain for American Indians.



STANDARDS

SS.A.4.2.1.5.1 Exploration of Americas
SS.A.4.2.1.5.2 Impact of Exploration

New Spain



Build on What You Know You may know someone who lives in a place with a Spanish name, such as San Francisco. From the 1500s to the 1700s, explorers and priests gave Spanish names to settlements throughout the Southwest and Florida.

New Spain Grows

Main Idea The Spanish increased the size of New Spain and spread their rule in North America.

By 1535, the Spanish government controlled the former Aztec empire in Mexico. They made it a colony called New Spain. A **colony** is an area of land ruled by another country. In New Spain, Spanish settlers started towns and farmed the land. They built mines wherever they found valuable minerals, such as gold or silver. The colony of New Spain grew larger as government officials, settlers, soldiers, and priests arrived.

Spain's rulers sent priests with the explorers to spread Christianity. Over the next 200 years, Spanish explorers and priests traveled farther north and started settlements called missions. A **mission** was a religious community where priests taught Christianity.

Juana Inés de la Cruz
She was a well-known poet in Mexico City, the capital of New Spain.

